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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Food Processing Industries came up during each of last three years ending March 31, 2002, State-wise;

(b) the facilities provided by the Government for installing such industries;

(c) the number of FPI units exporting their products, State- wise; and

(d) the number of Food Processing Industries referred to BIFR with reasons therefor and current status of each of them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): Food processing industries operate both in the organised and unorganised sectors. Most of the processed food items have been exempted from the purview of licensing under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. Given this position, information on the number of units is not maintained centrally. However, as per the Annual survey of Industries for 1998-99, the total number of factories in the Food and Beverage sector was 23,831.

(b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, throughits plan schemes, provides financial assistance for the development of processed food sector, including the setting up of food processing industries.

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d): As per information available with BIFR,since its inception and upto 31st October, 2002, 174 food processing industries were registered with them under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Out of these, 46 cases were dismissed as non- maintainable, 60 ordered for detailed enquiry, proceedings dropped in 12 cases after being declared non sick, and one case as net worth became positive. The rest have variously had revival scheme sanctioned, recommended for winding up, wound up, no longer sick, failed and reopened or with stayed proceedings.